



Legislation Text

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TITLE

FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER: NC GOVERNOR'S CRIME COMMISSION GRANT AWARD - APPROVE GRANT AWARD AND TWO (2) NEW POSITIONS TO ENHANCE COORDINATION AND SUPPORT OF CHILD AND ELDER JUSTICE SERVICES

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BACKGROUND

The Guilford County Family Justice Center (GCFJC) is the recipient of the North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission Grant funding to support two (2) GCFJC initiatives that are focused on coordinating support for child and elderly victims of violence and abuse. Currently, there are 17 partner organizations totaling nearly 100 professionals working together to provide streamlined and comprehensive services to victims of domestic, sexual violence, child abuse, and elder abuse from the Guilford County Family Justice Centers in Greensboro and High Point. GCFJC child and elder abuse initiatives have expanded to a level that necessitates full-time staffing support. The purpose of this grant project is to increase access to life-saving programs and interventions to underserved victims of child and elder abuse through improved coordination, follow-up, and targeted outreach.

Grants funds will pay for the hiring of two (2) new staff positions. The new positions will be time-limited and contingent upon ongoing grant funding. This grant award project ends in September 2020. Two (2) staff positions are included in the grant award project funds:

1. Child Trauma Specialist Coordinator will provide trauma-informed services and programming including: group and individual counseling designed to meet the unique needs of child victims and their families, facilitation of peer support experiences, programming coordination of existing resources, focused outreach, and training/supervision of interns and volunteers. Staff will also coordinate referrals and follow-up with continued services with GCFJC partners.
2. Elder Justice Specialist Coordinator will provide trauma-informed services and programming to seniors that includes the facilitation of peer support services, coordinates elder justice committee multi-disciplinary coordinated community response, conducts

focused outreach, and manages elder justice interns and volunteers.

This grant is funded by the NC Governor's Crime Commission at 80%, therefore requiring a 20% in-kind match. Volunteers will provide support to both project positions, therefore volunteer hours will provide the required in-kind 20% match for grant funding. Based upon the estimated national value of each volunteer hour of \$24.14/hour, approximately 1,570 hours of volunteerism will be provided to meet the in-kind match.

Grant Award Budget Overview

Year 1:	Personnel - \$167,236	Year 2:	Personnel - \$179,688
	Travel - \$6,262		Travel - \$6,213
	Supplies - \$15,196		Supplies - \$12,196
	Year 1 Total - \$188,694		Year 2 Total - \$198,097

Total Budget Amount - \$386,791

80% Grant Award Total - \$309,433

20% In-Kind Match Required - \$77,358

The NC Governor's Crime Commission serves as the chief advisory board to the Governor and the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety on crime and justice related issues. The goal of this grant is to assist and better coordinate care for child and elder abuse victims seeking assistance from within the County.

BUDGET IMPACT

Budget Ordinance Amendment

General Fund

\$188,694 Increase in Federal/State Revenue

\$188,694 Increase in Appropriation to Family Justice Center

Required 20% In-Kind match will be met with volunteer hours. **NO ADDITIONAL**

COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED

REQUESTED ACTION

(1) Approve receipt of the NC Governor's Crime Commission Grant Award in the amount of \$188,694 and increase the Family Justice Center FY2018-19 budget by the same amount to reflect grant funds received and (2) approve the Child Trauma Specialist and Elder Justice Specialist positions for the Family Justice Center, contingent upon continued grant funding.